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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A transmission assembly comprises a transmission, a pivot, and a shift lever operatively connected to the pivot for manipulating the transmission. The shift lever has a first center of mass at a first location relative to the pivot. A counterbalance is connected to the shift lever and comprises a second center of mass at a second location from the pivot such that the shift lever and the counterbalance comprise a total center of mass located between the first location and the second location.

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